

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of fabricating a flexible hose (9) for a vacuum cleaner by winding at a predetermined angle one long extrusion molding band (7) provided with a semicircular portion (5) and an electric wire embedding portion (3) connected to each other through one connector (6) and bonding at the same time, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) extruding a primary extrusion molding band (13) having a larger size than a size of a finished state while embedding an electric wire (1) in the primary extrusion molding band (13) at a first extruder (12), the larger size including at least two unequal thicknesses of the semicircular portion;

(b) molding the primary extrusion molding band (13) into a multi-extrusion molding band (10) ~~in having~~ the size of the finished state at a sizing mold (14); and

(c) winding the multi-extrusion molding band (10) at a predetermined angle at a bonder and bonding a bonding portion (2) of the electric embedding portion (3) with a bonding end (4) of the semicircular portions (5) positioned on both sides of the multi-extrusion molding band (10) by using adhesive (8).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the primary extrusion molding band (13) is extruded such that the plurality of semicircular portions (5) and the plurality of electric wires (3) are connected to each other through ~~the~~ connectors (6) to form integrated cross-sections and an upper portion of the semicircular portion (5) is thinner than the connectors (6).

Claims 3-8 (Canceled).

9. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising forming an expansion hole (11) at a portion where the semicircular portion (5) and an electric wire embedding portion (3) are

connected to each other.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein molding the primary extrusion molding band (13) into a multi-extrusion molding band (10) includes making the at least two unequal thicknesses equal.

11. (New) A method of fabricating a flexible hose (9) for a vacuum cleaner by winding at a predetermined angle one long extrusion molding band (7) provided with a semicircular portion (5) and an electric wire embedding portion (3) connected to each other through one connector (6) and bonding at the same time, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) extruding a primary extrusion molding band (13) having a larger size than a size of a finished state while embedding an electric wire (1) in the primary extrusion molding band (13) at a first extruder (12) wherein the primary extrusion molding band (13) is extruded such that the plurality of semicircular portions (5) and the plurality of electric wires (3) are connected to each other through connectors (6) to form integrated cross-sections and an upper portion of the semicircular portion (5) is thinner than the connectors (6);

(b) molding the primary extrusion molding band (13) into a multi-extrusion molding band (10) having the size of the finished state at a sizing mold (14); and

(c) winding the multi-extrusion molding band (10) at a predetermined angle at a bonder and bonding a bonding portion (2) of the electric embedding portion (3) with a bonding end (4) of the semicircular portions (5) positioned on both sides of the multi-extrusion molding band (10) by using adhesive (8).